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Attached is a report on the Atomic Institute in Budapest. A sketch map of the site layout is included.

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1 Name, Address, Location:

The Hungarian atomic institute bears the following name:

KOZPONTI FIZIKAI KUTATO INTÉZET - CENTRAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR PHYSICS
BUDAPEST, Konkoly-Thege Utca, Csillebért, phone 166-541

For the location of the institute see the following page with a sketch. The Institute is located about 15 kilometers north-east from Budapest proper in a suburb called Csillebért.

The area of the institute was surrounded by a high brick wall and patrolled by the members of the "Hungarian Secret Police (AVH)". The Patrols of two AVH-men walked continuously on both sides of the wall and there was a sentry house directly in the main gate (only gate). The sentry at the gate (building No. II.) controlled every in- and outcomer. The employees of the institute carried special cards entitling them to enter the area of the institute and to move freely in the building of their work. The employees were not allowed to enter other buildings but the one (or ones) for which their identity card was issued.

The institute is composed of six buildings numbered Roman I to VI, plus a new building under construction which is supposed to house the atomic reactor, plus a deep concrete air-raid shelter (marked "B" on the sketch, plus other buildings as AVH barracks, garage, magazines etc.

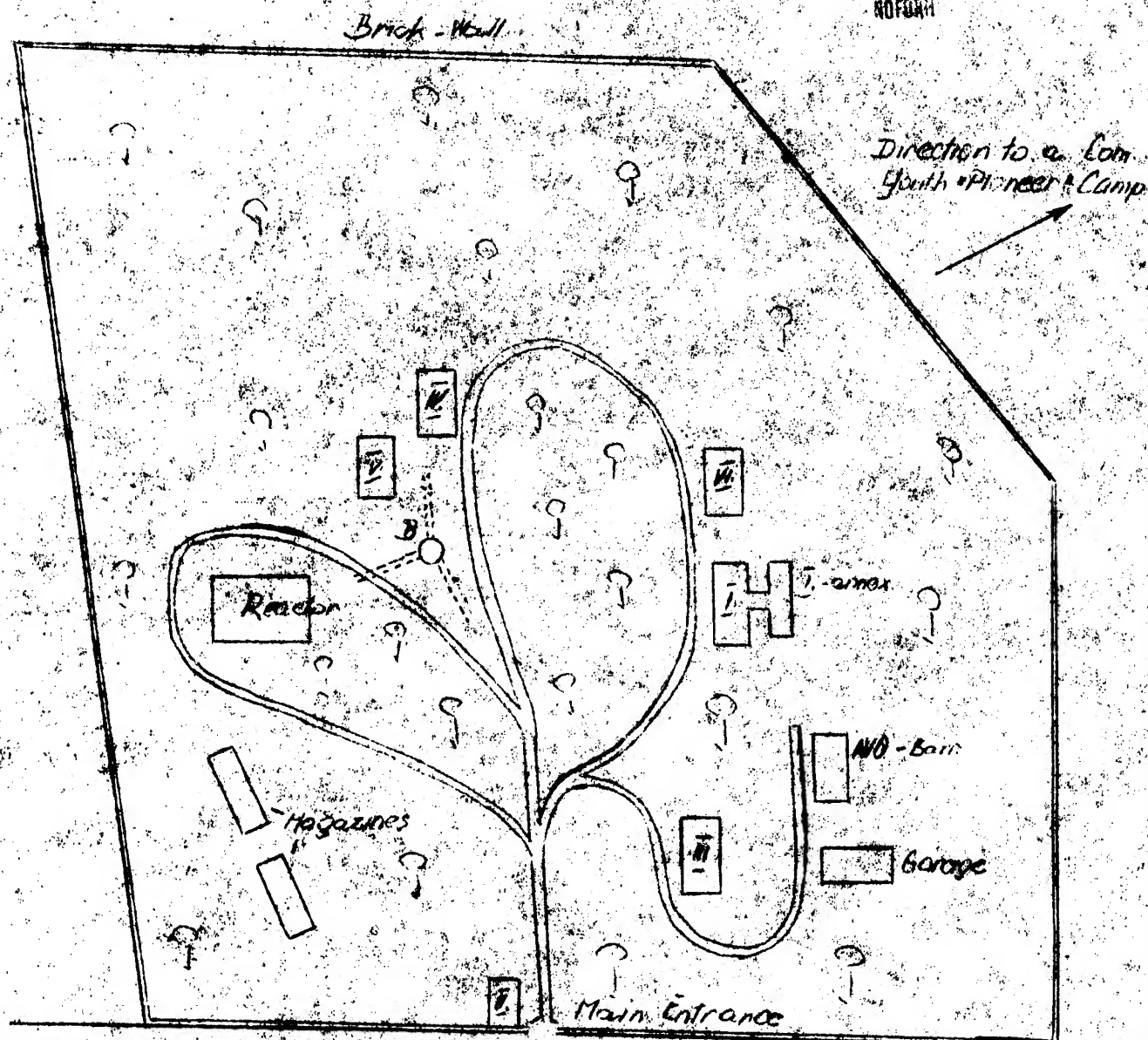
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2 Layout of the area of the atomic institute

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3 History and personnel

This institute was founded in 1948 by the Hungarian Government and under the advice of (Dr.) Lajos^X JANOSSY, a close friend of the former prime-minister GERO.

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After the foundation of the institute he was made director of the dept. Cosmic Radiation at the Institute. (see above)
Administratively the Institute was directly under the supervision of the Hungarian government

HEGEDUES, GERO, RAKOSI, NAGY. Especially GERO and HEGEDUES visited the Institute at least once a week.

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The titular head of the Institute was (Dr.) Istvan^X KOVACS. He was also the head of the dept. for Spectroscopy at the Institute.

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The head of the Atomic dept. on the Institute was (Dr.) Karoly^X SIMONYI.

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The head of the dept. Ferromagnetismus and the new dept. of Atomic Reactor was (Dr.) Lenard^X PAL.

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The atomic reactor was constructed in USSR and sold to Hungary for the amount of 50 millions Rubels. The reactor was supposed to start working during the fall 1956 but because of the outbreak of the Hungarian Revolution all work was disrupted

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The head of the dept. of electromagnetic radiation was (fnu)^X FARAGO.

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The military director of the Institute was (Lt.Co.) (fnu)^X KURUCZ.

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a high functionary of the AVO. Lt.Col. KURUCZ was responsible for the security of the Institute.

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After the outbreak of the revolution (Oct 1956) a revolutionary committee was constituted on the Institute and the director Dr. Istvan KOVATS was relieved from his post. The new director was named Dr. Karoly SIMONYI.

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4 The task of the Institute

The Institute was supposed to carry on all research fields, especially on the Atomic, Cosmic, Radiology fields. In the few years the Institute worked it became famous among the Communist countries as the best atomic institute behind the Iron curtain.

Many delegations of Communist scientists from the satellite countries visited the Institute among them a huge Czech delegation, further a Polish, Chinese, East German delegations.

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There was a steady contact with the Soviet Scientists, especially with the scientist of the Moscow Atomic Institute and of the Moscow Academy of Sciences. Soviet scientists and exchange professors were visiting the Hungarian Institute every week.

The Institute maintained a huge library

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